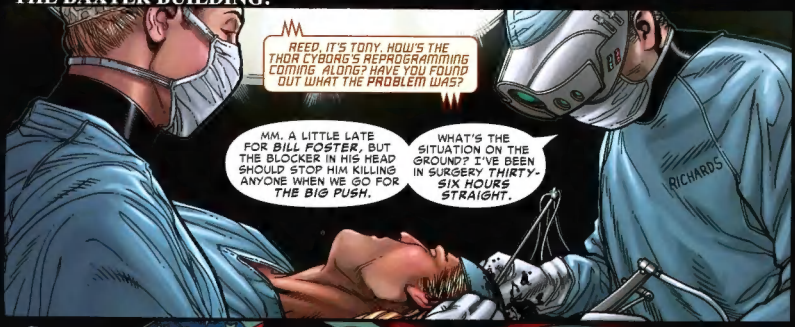
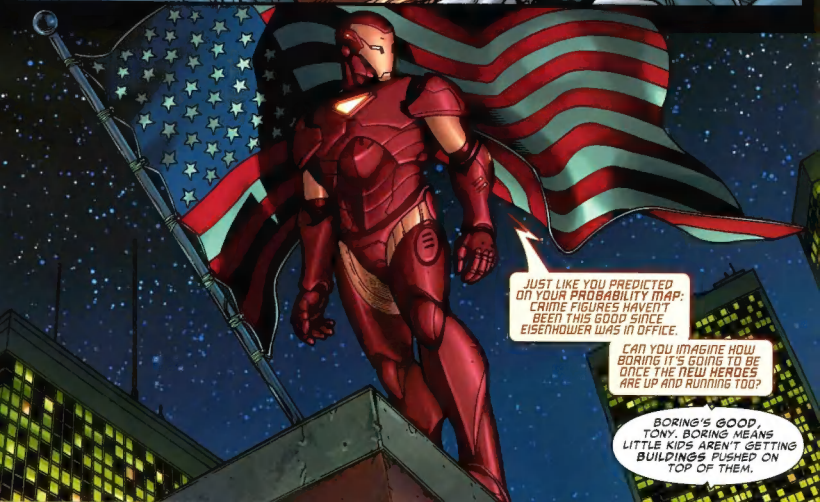
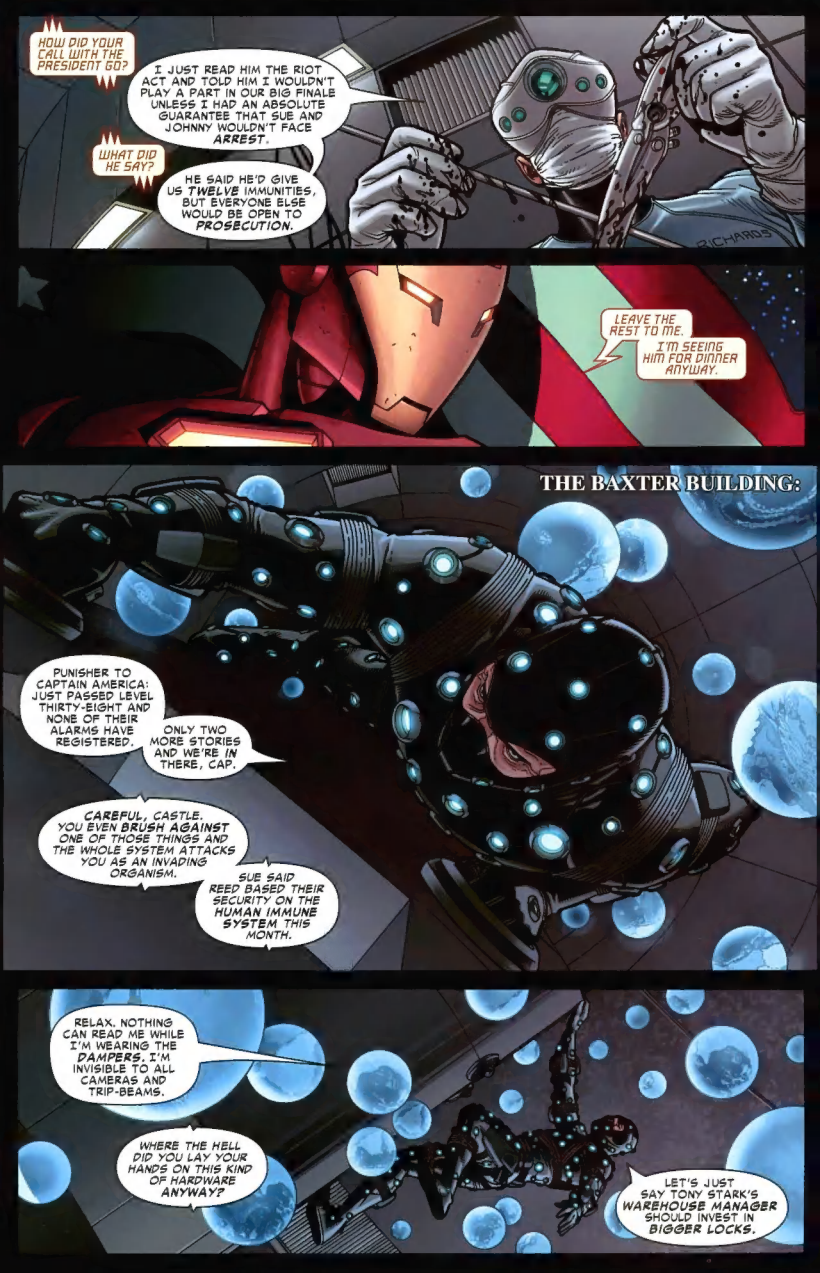
PROBLEM WITH POSEIDON, DOCTOR PYM. I THINK ONE OF THE GUYS FED HIM THE WRONG STUFF AND HE'S TURNED A FUNNY COLOR. COULD YOU COME TAKE A LOOK?
NO PROBLEM. WOULD YOU EXCUSE ME FOR A MOMENT, COMMANDER?

THE BAXTER BUILDING:


REED, IT'S TONY. HOW'S THE THOR CYBORG'S REPROGRAMMING COMING ALONG? HAVE YOU FOUND OUT WHAT THE PROBLEM WAS?
MM. A LITTLE LATE FOR BILL FOSTER, BUT THE BLOCKER IN HIS HEAD SHOULD STOP HIM KILLING ANYONE WHEN WE GO FOR THE BIG PUSH.
WHAT'S THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND? I'VE BEEN IN SURGERY THIRTY-SIX HOURS STRAIGHT.
RICHARDS


JUST LIKE YOU PREDICTED ON YOUR PROBABILITY MAP: CRIME FIGURES HAVEN'T BEEN THIS GOOD SINCE EISENHOWER WAS IN OFFICE.
CAN YOU IMAGINE HOW BORING IT'S GOING TO BE ONCE THE NEW HEROES ARE UP AND RUNNING TOO?
BORING'S GOOD, TONY. BORING MEANS LITTLE KIDS AREN'T GETTING BUILDINGS PUSHED ON TOP OF THEM.

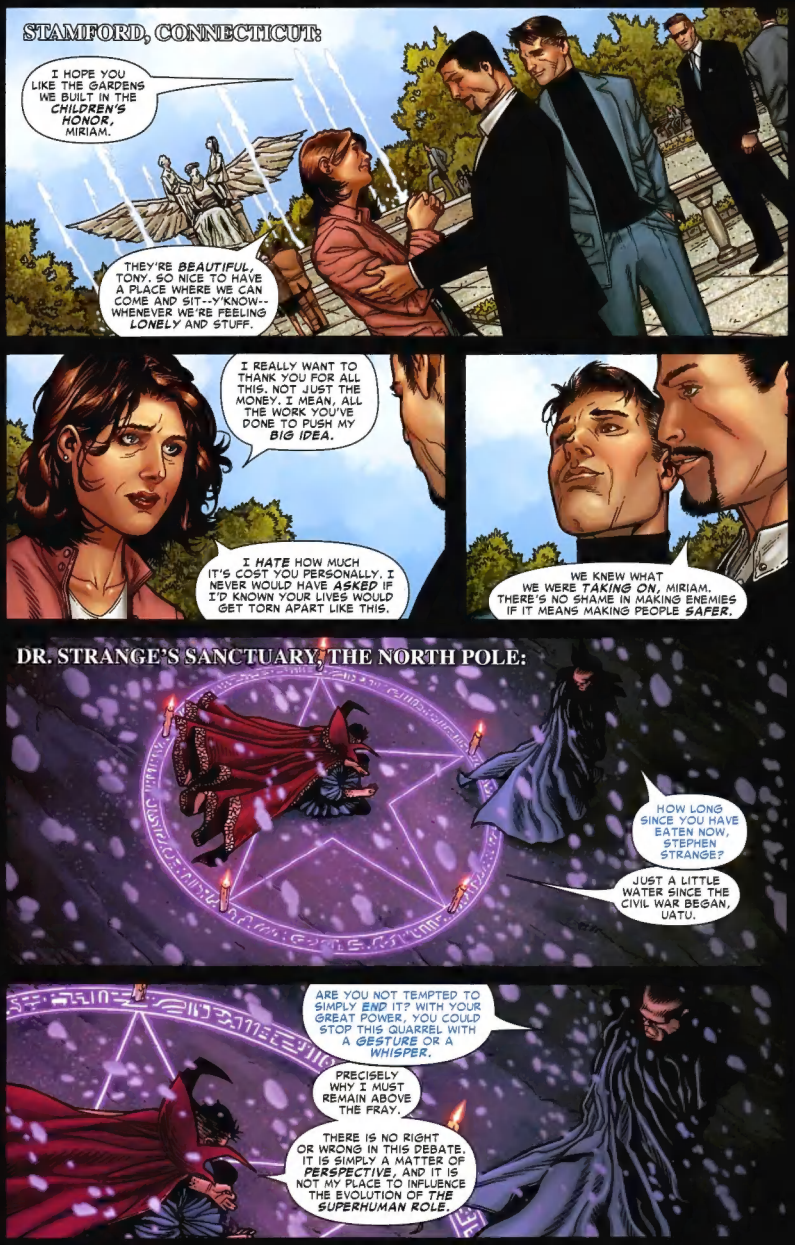

HOW DID YOUR CALL WITH THE PRESIDENT GO?
I JUST READ HIM THE RIOT ACT AND TOLD HIM I WOULDN'T PLAY A PART IN OUR BIG FINALE UNLESS I HAD AN ABSOLUTE GUARANTEE THAT SUE AND JOHNNY WOULDN'T FACE ARREST.
WHAT DID HE SAY?
HE SAID HE'D GIVE US TWELVE IMMUNITIES, BUT EVERYONE ELSE WOULD BE OPEN TO PROSECUTION.
RICHARDS
LEAVE THE REST TO ME.
I'M SEEING HIM FOR DINNER ANYWAY.
THE BAXTER BUILDING:
PUNISHER TO CAPTAIN AMERICA: JUST PASSED LEVEL THIRTY-EIGHT AND NONE OF THEIR ALARMS HAVE REGISTERED.
ONLY TWO MORE STORIES AND WE'RE IN THERE, CAP.
CAREFUL, CASTLE. YOU EVEN BRUSH AGAINST ONE OF THOSE THINGS AND THE WHOLE SYSTEM ATTACKS YOU AS AN INVADING ORGANISM.
SUE SAID REED BASED THEIR SECURITY ON THE HUMAN IMMUNE SYSTEM THIS MONTH.
RELAX. NOTHING CAN READ ME WHILE I'M WEARING THE DAMPERS. I'M INVISIBLE TO ALL CAMERAS AND TRIP-BEAMS.
WHERE THE HELL DID YOU LAY YOUR HANDS ON THIS KIND OF HARDWARE ANYWAY?
LET'S JUST SAY TONY STARK'S WAREHOUSE MANAGER SHOULD INVEST IN BIGGER LOCKS.

CAPTAIN AMERICA'S SAFEHOUSE:
OKAY. I'M IN THEIR DATA-HOUSE.
GOOD. NOW I NEED EVERYTHING YOU CAN FIND ON THIS NUMBER 42 COMPLEX: THIS BIG SUPER-PRISON WHERE THEY'RE HOLDING OUR GUYS IN THE NEGATIVE ZONE.
I NEED THE SIZE, HOW MUCH SPACE WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE AROUND AND HOW MANY ACCESS POINTS THEY'VE BUILT. THINK YOU CAN HANDLE THAT WITHOUT SHOOTING SOMEBODY IN THE HEAD?
HILARIOUS.
UH-OH.
WHAT'S UP?
THIS COMPOUND'S GOT MORE PROTECTION THAN ANYTHING I EVER SAW. WE'RE GONNA NEED A LOT MORE THAN YOUR TEAM OF GRUNTS TO SPRING THESE GUYS.
I'M ON IT, CASTLE.
JUST KEEP TYPING.

ATLANTIS:
THANK YOU FOR SEEING ME ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE, NAMOR. I KNOW YOUR COURT PREFERS TO FOLLOW ROYAL PROTOCOLS, BUT WE HAVEN'T GOT MUCH TIME.
THE REBEL TEAM'S RAID IS PLANNED FOR TONIGHT AND EVERYONE ELSE HAS TURNED US DOWN. HAVING YOU ONSIDE COULD MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WINNING AND LOSING.
YOUR MAJESTY.
WHAT?
I BELIEVE THAT'S THE CORRECT TERM WHEN YOU'RE ADDRESSING A FOREIGN DIGNITARY, MRS. RICHARDS.
DON'T PLAY GAMES, NAMOR. THIS IS THE GRAVEST CRISIS WE'VE EVER FACED. THEY'VE ISSUED A SUPERHUMAN DRAFT, AND THEY'RE IMPRISONING PEOPLE WHO DON'T COMPLY.
CAN YOU BELIEVE THEY'RE ACTUALLY RECRUITING SUPER-VILLAINS TO BRING US IN?

YOU TALK LIKE IT MATTERS, SUSAN. POWER STRUGGLES ON YOUR LITTLE MOUND ARE AS MEANINGLESS TO ME AS THE TIDES ARE TO YOU.
THE DEATH OF MY COUSIN NAMORITA WAS ALL THAT MATTERED IN THIS DEBACLE, AND HER ASSAILANT HAS BEEN DEALT WITH PRIVATELY.
BUT CAP'S ONE OF YOUR OLDEST FRIENDS, YOU'VE KNOWN HIM LONGER THAN ANYONE.
AND WHERE IS THIS FRIEND NOW? TRYING TO MAKE DEALS WITH THE X-MEN OR STEPHEN STRANGE WHILE HE SENDS YOU HERE WITH YOUR PUPPY-DOG EYES?
TELL THIS NEW MASTER OF YOURS I HAVE NO INTEREST IN HELPING A MAN WHO WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WE DON'T HAVE A RELATIONSHIP.
I CAN FEEL YOUR HEARTBEAT THROUGH THE WATER, MRS. RICHARDS...
...AND IT TELLS A VERY DIFFERENT STORY FROM THE LIES UPON YOUR LIPS.

SHUT UP!
FIGHT, YOU COWARD!
NOT AGAINST YOU.


STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT:
I HOPE YOU LIKE THE GARDENS WE BUILT IN THE CHILDREN'S HONOR, MIRIAM.
THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL, TONY. SO NICE TO HAVE A PLACE WHERE WE CAN COME AND SIT--Y'KNOW--WHENEVER WE'RE FEELING LONELY AND STUFF.
I REALLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL THIS. NOT JUST THE MONEY. I MEAN, ALL THE WORK YOU'VE DONE TO PUSH MY BIG IDEA.
I HATE HOW MUCH IT'S COST YOU PERSONALLY. I NEVER WOULD HAVE ASKED IF I'D KNOWN YOUR LIVES WOULD GET TORN APART LIKE THIS.
WE KNEW WHAT WE WERE TAKING ON, MIRIAM. THERE'S NO SHAME IN MAKING ENEMIES IF IT MEANS MAKING PEOPLE SAFER.
DR. STRANGE'S SANCTUARY, THE NORTH POLE:
HOW LONG SINCE YOU HAVE EATEN NOW, STEPHEN STRANGE?
JUST A LITTLE WATER SINCE THE CIVIL WAR BEGAN, UATU.
ARE YOU NOT TEMPTED TO SIMPLY END IT? WITH YOUR GREAT POWER, YOU COULD STOP THIS QUARREL WITH A GESTURE OR A WHISPER.
PRECISELY WHY I MUST REMAIN ABOVE THE FRAY.
THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG IN THIS DEBATE. IT IS SIMPLY A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE, AND IT IS NOT MY PLACE TO INFLUENCE THE EVOLUTION OF THE SUPERHUMAN ROLE.

AARGH!
OOF!
URKK!
THANK YOU, SUSAN. I THINK IT'S SAFE TO MAKE US VISIBLE AGAIN NOW THAT WE'RE THROUGH. PANTHER, WHAT'S THE SITUATION WITH PRISON SECURITY?
NEUTRALIZED FROM TOP TO BOTTOM, CAPTAIN--THOUGH I HATE TO THINK HOW LONG IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN IF WE HADN'T HAD MISTER FANTASTIC'S BLUEPRINTS.
THANKS AGAIN FOR COMING THROUGH LIKE THIS, T'CHALLA. WE KNOW IT'S IN WAKANDA'S BEST INTERESTS TO STAY NEUTRAL, BUT...
FORGET ABOUT IT. OUR FRIEND GOLIATH WOULD STILL BE ALIVE IF MY WIFE AND I HAD TAKEN A STAND WHEN YOU FIRST ASKED US FOR HELP.
WHAT'S WRONG?
MY SPIDER-SENSE IS GOING OFF THE SCALE! SERIOUSLY, THIS IS DEFCON ONE!

I'M NOT SURPRISED.